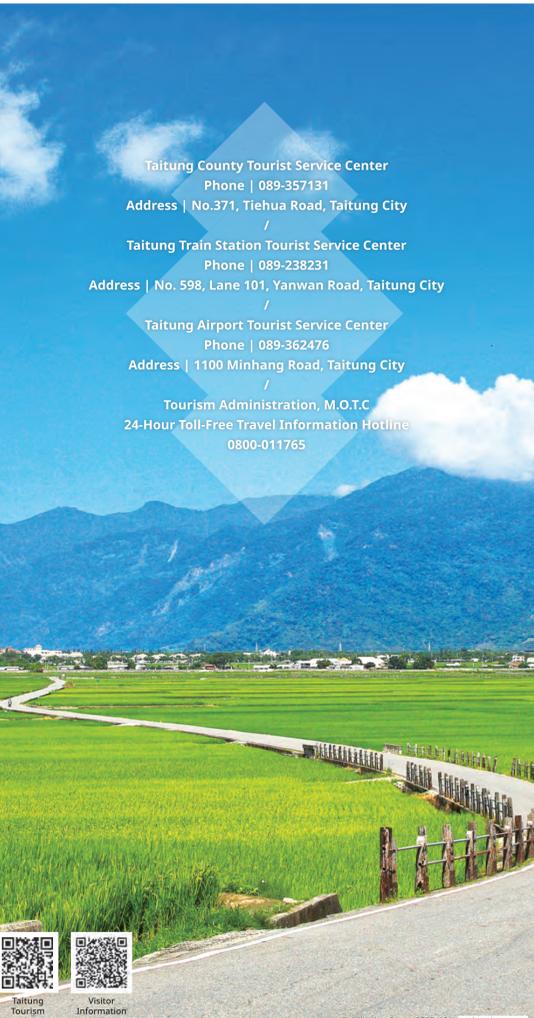


TAITUNG nice trip

Discover New Horizons of Taitung



Come to Taitung and experience the pure call of the Pacific Ocean. Travel through picturesque countryside and mountain-sea landscapes, delve deep into remote islands to explore paradises, freely jot down your own Taitung travel diary.



Seaside Adventures Coastal Scenery

Feel the breezy wind along the scenic Provincial Highway 11, experience Stand Up Paddle boarding (SUP), surfing, and explore the vast Pacific Ocean, answering the call of the sea.

Sanxiantai Scenic Area
An offshore islet formed by marine erosion, connected by an eight-arched bridge. It has come to be known as a geology museum of the coast. Also a great location to experience and witness the delightful first light of dawn.



Baxian cave
A series of magnificent caves caused by coastal erosion, some reaching heights of over 10 meters. Archaeologists have found artifacts here from the Paleolithic era, dating back 30,000 years.

Changbin King Kong Avenue
A scenic route overlooking golden rice fields and the blue Pacific. Popular among cyclists, it's adorned by terraced fields on the sides, offering ever-changing sceneries throughout the year.



Bixilian Community
An Amis tribe fishing village adorned with colorful murals. Here, visitors can appreciate and experience traditional music and indigenous crafts.

Duli Beach
Dubbed the "Mirror of the Sky" of Taiwan, the Mirror can be seen when the tide recedes, allowing flat sandy beach with shallow waters to reflect the blue sky and clouds, creating a dreamy reflection and a popular spot for photography.



Jinzun tied Island
The only tied island in Taiwan. Tourists could take picturesque photographs of the "Cat Hole" at low tide for an Instagram-worthy moment. The Jinzun surf point hosts the world longboard and shortboard championships, which draw surfers from all over the world.



Jialulan Recreation Area
Taitung's most beautiful starry sky. The vast landscape is complemented by large installations.

Fugang Geopark (Xiaoyeli)
The coastal erosion of different rock layers has created an array of peculiar rock formations, much like a natural sculpture park.

[1-Day Seaside tour]

Route 1 Fugang Geological Park (Little Yellu) >> Jialulan Recreation Area >> Lunch >> Shanyuan Beach >> Bixilian Community >> Eight Immortals Cave

Route 2 Fushan Fisheries Resources Conservation Area >> Jinzun tied Island >> Lunch >> Duli Beach >> Sanxiantai Scenic Area >> Changbin King Kong Avenue

FUN Festivals

TECLandArts Festival
In this Pacific Ocean centric art festival, artists are invited to create large outdoor artworks along Provincial Highway 11. The event also features art markets and moonlight concerts by the sea.

Time: Held annually from June to September.

Hot spring Villages Between the Mountains and Sea South-Link Line

During the season when the daylilies bloom all over the mountains, wander through the paradise that nestles beside the mountains and sea.



Duoliang Station
The platform offers a beautiful view of the Pacific Ocean. Known as the "Most beautiful train station in Taiwan" for its unique combination of the mountains and the sea. Additionally, tourists can also admire driftwood art crafts nearby at the Sunrise Driftwood Workshop.



Zhiben Hot Springs
The clear, colorless sodium bicarbonate spring rich in minerals emerges from within a lush valley. Zhiben has been renowned for its hot springs since the Japanese era.

Zhiben National Forest Recreation Area
Large swallowtail butterflies flutter about inside the park as the banyan trees wind and twist intricately. The well-maintained paths allow visitors to get close to the environment.



Taimali Golden Needle Mountain
During the spring and early summer, you can experience cherry blossoms, daylilies, maple leaves, and fireflies. Daylilies bloom all over the mountains between August and September, creating a stunning sight all year round.

Taimali (Sakuragi) Railroad Crossing
Near the Taimali train station, it offers scenic views of the railway and sea, reminiscent of scenes from the Japanese manga "Slam Dunk."



Jialan Sky Walk
Views of the Lawan Bridge and Jialan Village can be enjoyed from the walkway, which offers stunning views of canyon cliffs and mountains.



Heart of Dawu South Link Service Area
The lighthouse-shaped tourist attraction offers a variety of local specialties and direct-from-source gourmet dishes. Additionally, there is a cafe with sea views where tourists can relax and enjoy the view.



A Lang Yi Trail (Nantian)
The ancient trail between Taitung Nantian and Pingtung Xu Hai has remained untouched by modern development, preserving a pristine cobblestone beach landscape and original coastal fauna and flora. A tour guide is required to explore the trail.

[2 Day South Link tour]

DAY1 Zhiben Hot Springs >> Zhiben National Forest Recreation Area >> Lunch >> Taimali Golden Needle Mountain >> Taimali Railroad Crossing

DAY2 Jialan Sky Walk >> Duoliang Station >> Lunch >> Heart of Dawu South Link Service Area >> A Lang Yi Trail (Nantian)

Symphony in the Fields East Rift Valley Area

Take a bicycle ride, a hot air balloon ride, or a local train ride to experience the picturesque pastoral landscapes.



Luye Gaotai
At an altitude of about 350 meters and surrounded by mountains, this location is not only one of the best natural airspaces in Taiwan but also a base for tea production. Paraglide or balloon over fields, tea gardens, and views of the Beinan River Valley.



Jiaming Lake
At an altitude of 3,310 meters above sea level, it's Taiwan's second-highest alpine lake. The clear lake reflects the blue sky and white clouds, earning its nickname as the "Sapphire of the High Mountains." Entry requires mountain permits, and a 3-4 day trip is recommended.

Lisong Hot Spring
An undeveloped wild hot spring, where a carbonated alkaline cascade flows from the mountain side, leaving behind colorful deposits. Access requires expert guidance; can only be reached through stream trekking.

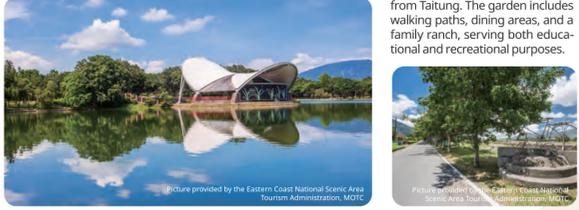


Mr. Brown Avenue (Bolang Dadao)
A beautiful countryside path that became famous due to a popular commercial. While enjoying the aroma of rice and the pastoral beauty of the Avenue, consider cycling along it for half a day and take in the scenery of tea trees and Paradise Road.



Paradise Road
Compared to the straight Mr. Brown Avenue, Paradise Road has a more captivating charm with a picturesque scenery of endless golden rice waves. A rice field backdrop sets the stage for the Chishang Autumn Harvest Rice Art Festival every autumn, featuring a series of exciting outdoor performances.

Taitung Yuan Sen Applied Botanical Garden
Taiwan's only indigenous medicinal herb ecological park, which cultivates over 200 species of precious native medicinal plants from Taitung. The garden includes walking paths, dining areas, and a family ranch, serving both educational and recreational purposes.



Guanshan Water Park (Town Circle Bicycle Path)
Taiwan's first bicycle path which circles a town. Guanshan is a paradise for cycling enthusiasts. The Water Park not only connects with the circular bike path, but also features mountains, rice and canola paddies, and railways along the route.

Chulu Ranch
The largest sloping pasture in Taiwan, with herds of dairy cows roaming under the blue sky. Fresh dairy products are also available for those inclined.

[One-Day East Rift Valley Field Tour]

Route 1 Taitung Yuan Sen >> Chulu Ranch >> Lunch >> Guanshan Water Park (Town Circle Bicycle Path)

Route 2 Luye Gaotai >> Lunch >> Mr. Brown Avenue >> Paradise Road

FUN Festivals

Taiwan International Balloon Festival
Held amidst pure nature, this annual summer aerial event includes free-flying hot air balloons rides, Night Glow Concerts, styled-balloon performances, and tethered balloon rides.

Time: Held annually from June to August

Cultural Stroll Taitung City

Indulge in a stylish journey of hot springs and cuisine and fall in love with the slow life of Taiwan's eastern frontier.



Tiehua Music Village
The old Taitung train station has been transformed into a cultural hub that combines crafts, food, and music performances. On weekends, there is a market featuring handicrafts and local farm products. An on-site painted hot air balloon is a popular photo location.



Liji Badlands Geopark
Located beside the Beinan River, the geological formations here resulted from plate tectonics, erosion, and weathering, creating a unique desert-like landscape of sharp, uneven badlands, which serve as a prime example for tectonic movement studied by international scholars.

National Museum of Prehistory
Researches and displays Taiwan's prehistoric culture and the Austronesian ethnic group. The nearby Beinan Site Park showcases Taiwan's most complete ancient settlement and largest stone coffin burial group.

Taitung Sugar Factory Cultural and Creative Park
The old sugar factory has been revitalized with large-scale artworks, with shops specializing in tribal crafts and other creative industries. Exhibitions and activities are held periodically.



Taitung Forest Park
Located in the suburbs of Taitung City, this park comprises "Pipa Lake," "Egret Lake" and "Flowing lake," which hosts various water activities. Cycling through vast forests and diverse wetland ecologies allows one to experience a close connection to nature. This is also a famous venue for international triathlon competitions.

Taitung Seashore Park
Enjoy ocean views within city limits! A landscape-integrated installation art piece with a vast and boundless view of the Pacific Ocean, it's an ideal spot for viewing dawn and nighttime scenery.

Taitung Must-Eats & Must-Buys

<p>Custard Apple A representative agricultural product of Taitung, with two peak seasons during Lunar New Year and Mid-Autumn Festival.</p>	<p>Thick Rice Noodles (Mi Taimu) A popular snack in Taitung made from local rice. It's chewy and delicious, especially with a savory broth.</p>	<p>Indigenous Cuisine Signature dishes: "Abai" wrapped in shell ginger leaves, grilled wild boar, and chicken soup seasoned with prickly ash.</p>
<p>Seafood With its proximity to the Pacific Ocean, Taitung boasts a rich assortment of seafoods. Don't miss the fresh marlin sashimi and fried dolphinfish!</p>	<p>Fried Chicken A local favorite since childhood, the chicken is marinated with special spices, resulting in juicy and tender meat.</p>	<p>Roselle Taitung is Taiwan's top producer of roselle, which is turned into candied snacks, dried tea, or tangy jams.</p>
<p>Fengzi Pastry A traditional Chinese pastry has popular in the region for the past 80 years. Various fillings including a variety of bean pastes and meat.</p>	<p>Red Oolong Tea Luye has the perfect conditions for tea production in Eastern Taiwan. This tea boasts a combination of fragrances of oolong and the sweetness of black tea.</p>	<p>Taitung Rice Many award-winning rice are grown in the Huadong Valley. In Changbin, there are also high-quality, organic Ba Xian and King Kong rice varieties.</p>
<p>Coffee North as the indigenous township of Changbin, south to the southern tip of Daren, coffee beans cultivated in Taitung possess a fruity aroma which embodies the vitality of the land.</p>	<p>Master Han Dan Pastry Named after the deity Master Han Dan, the crunchy pastry is filled with millet mochi, red quinoa, and mung bean paste.</p>	<p>Qima Cake Sachima, which is a Chinese pastry similar in structure to a Rice Krispies. The Qima Cake has been redesigned from into bite-sized "gold bricks" with 11 flavors.</p>
<p>Handmade Mochi Using locally produced rice and stuffed with natural ingredients, Mochi have long been viewed as the perfect souvenir.</p>	<p>Sweet Potato Crisps Suitable for all ages, this popular traditional snack is made from thinly sliced sweet potatoes coated with special syrup.</p>	

Explore Taitung

Getting to Taitung

From Taipei
By Plane: Taipei Songshan Airport - approx. 1H - Taitung Airport
By Train: Taipei Train Station - approx. 4H - Taitung Train Station
By Car: Downtown Taipei - approx. 6H - Downtown Taitung

From Kaohsiung
By Train: Kaohsiung Train Station - approx. 2H - Taitung Train Station
By Car: Downtown Kaohsiung - approx. 3H - Downtown Taitung

From Hualien
By Train: Hualien Train Station - approx. 1.5H - Taitung Train Station
By Bus: Hualien Bus Station - approx. 3.5H (stops at mountain or coastal attractions) - Taitung Bus Station
By Car: Downtown Hualien - approx. 3H - Downtown Taitung

Transport Information

Air
Taitung Airport
 089-361-111

Railway
Taitung Station
 089-229-687

Bus
Taitung bus Station
 089-357-131

Puyuma Bus 089-233-689
 Land, Sea and Air Line (Round trip between Taitung Airport - Taitung Train Station - Fugang Fishing Port)
 Downtown Circular Route (Round trip between Taitung bus Station - Taitung Train Station)

Taiwan Tourist Shuttle Service 0800-011-765
 East Rift Valley Line (Taitung Bus Station - Luye Highland; via Taitung Train Station, Beinan Township, Luye Township and more)
 East Coastline (Starts from Taitung Bus Station, via Taitung Train Station, linking major Taitung attractions, going as far north as Sanxiantai in Chenggong)

Hualien Passenger Transport 038-338-146
Eastern Taiwan Bus 089-333-023
 Round Trip between Hualien - Chenggong

Shing Dong Bus 089-333-443
 Taitung Coastal Line Bus

Driving

Highway Bureau, MOTC - real-time traffic information inquiry service
 02-2311-3456 #1968



There are two ways to reach the offshore islands of Green Island (Lüdao) and Orchid Island, which are by airplane or by ferry. Planes depart from Taitung Airport daily to and from Green Island and Orchid Island. The 19-seater planes are easily affected by weather. It's recommended to check and book tickets in advance.

Ferry services depart from Taitung's Fugang Fishing Port. There are also ferries from Kenting's Houbi Lake to Orchid Island's Kaiyuan Port. Regular ferry routes from Fugang are Fugang → Green Island and Fugang → Orchid Island. Irregular routes are Green Island → Orchid Island. As boat schedules can be affected by weather conditions, it's advisable to check before departure.

Green Island
By Plane: Taitung Airport - approx. 15 minutes - Green Island Airport
By Ferry: Taitung Fugang Fishing Port - approx. 50 minutes - Green Island Nanyao Fishing Port

Orchid Island
By Plane: Taitung Airport - approx. 30 minutes - Orchid Island Airport
By Ferry: Taitung Fugang Fishing Port - approx. 120-150 minutes - Orchid Island Kaiyuan Port
By Ship: Pingtung Houpi Lake Port - approx. 120 minutes - Orchid Island Kaiyuan Port (non-fixed route, online reservation required in advance)

Transport Information

Air
Daily Airlines Taitung Office 089-362-675
Daily Airlines Green Island Office 089-671-261
Daily Airlines Orchid Island Office 089-732-278

Reservations Hotline 07-801-4711

Ferry
Maritime & Port Bureau, MOTC
Regular Flight Information

EZboat Reservation Information 089-280-011

More Taitung Tourist Information

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- Symphony in the Fields × Longitudinal Valley Area
- Nature's Playground × Green Island
- Tourist Service Center
- Provincial Road
- County Road
- Hot spring Villages between the mountains and sea × South-link line
- Cultural Stroll × Taitung City
- Orchid Island: The Ethereal Edge of the World
- Hot Springs
- Port/Harbor
- Township Road

Green Island (Lüdao)

- Green Island Lighthouse
- Chaikou Snorkeling Area
- Green Island White Terror Memorial Park
- Shilang Snorkeling Area
- Haishenping
- Sleeping Beauty Rock
- Pug Rock
- Zhaori Hot Springs
- Dabaisha Beach
- Ziping Ecological Area
- Fanchuanbi Grasslands

Orchid Island Township

- Tank Rock
- Battleship Rock
- Lover's Cave
- Dongqin Secret Gem
- Yeyin Old Village (Ivalino)
- Yeyin Cold Spring
- Qingqing Grasslands
- Jimagaod (Small Orchid Island)

Nature's Playground X Green Island

Dive into the vivid blues of the Pacific Ocean which are accompanied by unique rock formations and white sandy beaches. Submerge and take in the underwater paradise filled with various types of tropical fish.

Fanchuanbi Grassland
 Known as "Green Island's Carpet," this vast grassland overlooks the ocean, ideal for enjoying the sunrise. On clear days, one can see Orchid Island in the distance.

Green Island Lighthouse
 "The white lighthouse, built in 1939, stands prominently on the northern cape and is a landmark of Green Island. There is a natural pool beneath the lighthouse called Wuyouku, formed by the retreating tide trapped by the ring-shaped reefs all around. With its pristine white sand and crystal-clear waters, it's a great spot for water activities."

Chaikou Snorkeling Area
 With an underwater landscape of corals, this spot remains ideal for snorkeling even during the southwestern monsoon season from June to August.

Green Island White Terror Memorial Park
 A former detention center from Taiwan's White Terror era, now an important human rights education site.

Haishenping (Pug & Sleeping Beauty Rock)
 The crescent-shaped bay, formed by volcanic conglomerate rocks, is dotted with oddly shaped rocks like "Pug" and "Sleeping Beauty." It's also a popular spot for stargazing and sunrise viewing.

Ziping Ecological Zone
 This lagoon landscape is composed primarily of coral reef vegetation, making it the most intact of Green Island's lagoons. Other unique ecologies are found here, such as terrestrial hermit crabs and water caltrop flowers.

Zhaori Hot Springs
 Located to greet the Pacific sunrise, this world-renowned underwater hot spring allows visitors to bathe while watching the sun rise or take in the Milky Way at night.

Dabaisha Beach
 One of the top three diving spots on the island, this expansive beach is characterized by its fine sand that is composed of coral pebbles and crushed shells.

Shilang Diving Area
 Due to its extended intertidal zone, it's ideal for diving, snorkeling, and exploration. Under the sea, soft corals flourish, and the world's deepest "Underwater Postbox" can be found at a depth of 11.5 meters.

[3-Day tour on Green Island]

DAY1 Nanyao Fishing Harbor >> Shilang Diving and Snorkeling Area >> Dabaisha Beach >> Lunch >> Ziping Ecological Zone >> Fanchuanbi Grassland
DAY2 Zhaori Hot Spring >> Haishenping(Pug & Sleeping Beauty Rock) >> Lunch >> Niutoushan (Bull Head Mountain) >> Chaikou Snorkeling Area
DAY3 Green Island White Terror Memorial Park >> Green Island Lighthouse >> Nanyao Fishing Harbor

The Ethereal Edge of the World X Orchid Island

A radiant pearl seemingly lost in the vast Pacific, Orchid Island offers travelers a chance to immerse themselves in an unparalleled cultural and natural experience.

Dongqing Bay
 As the largest bay on Orchid Island, it's a popular sunrise viewing spot. Along its shores, traditional canoes stand ready, glowing against the dawn's first light.

Tank Rock (vaRai ni manok)
 This imposing rock formation, created by volcanic eruptions, stands alongside other unique rock formations on the island such as Alligator Rock, Dragon Head Rock, and Twin Lions Rocks.

Battleship Rock (Junjianyan)
 This offshore islet, reminiscent of a battleship, is a traditional fishing ground for the Dongqing tribe. The dreamy sunrise view behind this rock is unmatched, and it's also a prime location for snorkeling.

Dongqin Secret Gem
 Surrounded by natural reefs, a clear and transparent seawater pool emerges, brimming with diverse ecology and colorful tropical fish.

Warship Rock and Lover Cave
 Years of erosion by the sea waves have carved out this natural archway. As the sun rises, it shines through the arch, painting a breathtaking picture.

Orchid Island Weather Station
 Situated at a vantage point on Orchid Island, it offers a 360-degree panoramic view, which allows visitors to see the Eastern Dongqing Bay, Yeyin old village, and the Western Badai Bay.

Yeyin Old Tribe (Ivalino)
 This village has the best-preserved traditions of the Yami (Tao) tribe. Its ancient underground houses showcase traditional Orchid Island architectural features and its harmonious ways of life that respects nature.

Yeyin Cold Spring
 Emerging from the crevices in the rocks, this 19°C spring forms tiered pools surrounded by reefs, offering an unparalleled view where the sea and the sky align.

Qingqing Grasslands
 Raised coral platforms that once served as traditional farmlands for the Yami (Tao) tribe now present vast meadows with expansive views, also making it an excellent sunset viewing point.

[3-day trip to Orchid Island]

DAY1 Kaiyuan Fishing Harbor >> Orchid Island Weather Station >> Lunch >> Yeyin Cold Spring >> Qingqing Grasslands
DAY2 Dongqing Bay >> Ye-Yin Old Tribe (Ivalino) >> Lunch >> Dongqing Secret Gem >> Warship Rock and Lover Cave >> Battleship Rock
DAY3 Tank Rock >> Kaiyuan Harbor

<<< Cultural Etiquettes and Taboos on Orchid Island >>>

Orchid Island, with its pristine environment, has been home to the Yami (Tao) indigenous tribe for generations. The tribe's deep-rooted reverence for nature, along with its traditional ways of life and values, remains unchanged to this day.

- Respect the privacy of the tribe members. Seek permission before taking photos of private residences, ongoing activities, or elders in traditional attire.
- Refrain from disturbing or catching any animals and plants on the island. Taking or transporting endangered species like coconut crabs and butterfly orchids is strictly prohibited.
- Honor the tribe's ceremonial taboos. During the Flying Fish Festival, for instance, women must avoid touching the canoes, and everyone should avoid accidentally entering traditional sea territories.
- The Small-leaved Barringtonia, which is known as the "Opan foot" is considered ominous. Do not bring its leaves or branches into local homes or place them on canoes.
- Protect the coral reef ecology, wear stinger suits, or use eco-friendly sunscreen when swimming.
- The underground houses are private residences. Photography or entry is permitted only with a guided tour.